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TITLE: SEPARATING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATT: BOX MISSING PARTS  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application,  
please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete original claims 1 through 42 and replace with  
new claims 43 through 84 as attached hereto.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the multiple dependency of  
some of the claims has been removed so as to avoid the surcharge  
associated therewith. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully  
requested.